

Keeping the Heavenly Vision for the Eternal Purpose

It is the 4th of July, and years ago our Brother Lance Lambert was an annual speaker at this conference back in the seventies and early eighties. He used to live in England, so he was always a bit goaded on July 4th when he had to speak. I do not know if the Richmond brothers would kind of goad him a little bit, but he would always talk about how it was just immoral for the United States to withdraw from her mother country, and he would give chapter and verse. You know, Charles Wesley was convicted that it was a mistake for the Revolutionary War to happen because you should obey those who govern over you. Anyway, we rebellious children did not listen, did we? And so here we are today, and this is the result. We could use a little more English, but that is another story. So now we are going to talk or try to fellowship on this matter of kept by God's eternal purpose, and I would like for us to once again read a few Scriptures along that line.

Acts 26:19: "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,"

Acts 20:27: "for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God."

Ephesians 1:15-20: Paul is talking to that church where he had declared the whole counsel of God and was now in prison. He adds this new dimension to their faith, hope and love.

"For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, which is in you and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the full knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,"

Being enlightened in the eyes of your hearts to understand this and that of the deeper things of the whole counsel of God. What are those things? The hope of His calling, the glorious riches that He has in the saints, the exceeding greatness of His power, and He can resurrect not only Jesus but give us resurrection life and power to serve in this world. Those are deep things that come out of the whole counsel of God if we can see by revelation those things. There is always that challenge in our lives.

In I Timothy 3 Paul is also addressing Timothy who is at the church of Ephesus as one of the overseers or by this time of Apostolic status.

I Timothy 3:14-16: "Although I hope to come to you soon (of course, he is in jail), I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's house, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in the flesh, was

vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”

And Lord, now we get to see with the eyes of faith our dear Lord sitting in glory at the right hand of the Father in full control. Even as we see unfolded in Revelation, you have the scrolls of the world's destiny in Your hands, and You are unsealing those scrolls one at a time as this world comes hurtling toward its great transformation from temporal to eternal. And we are thankful that we have seen something of that heavenly vision, not only who Christ is, but who Christ is in glory, not only who Christ is in glory but some sense of what is awaiting the great transformation when the heavenly Jerusalem comes to this earth, full of glory. What things to look forward to! But now, Lord, we pray that You would give us a spirit of refreshment, of insight and of light as we share this final time together with my burden. Do help me to share the things on my heart; I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Introduction

We have been looking at the church, the corporate side of heavenly vision as the whole personal side of heavenly vision, the whole counsel of God, the eternal purpose, but I have been trying to stick with the corporate side of things. And so, we said on the day of Pentecost, as it were, when that initial lightning strike came down from heaven, 3,120 people were saved by the end of the day. What a great lightning bolt—light. When light shines, the darkness cannot comprehend, neither can the darkness overcome. We have grown up in a world full of lies.

God is True, in Him There is no Lie

Wow! I just heard yesterday on the news that seventy-five percent of Gen Zs get all their news from Tik Tok. Boy, you talk about being slanted. Of course, if you turn to ABC, Fox, or CNN it is just as slanted. One hardly knows which darkness to come to. Brothers and sisters, there is a lot of darkness around, but one shaft of light is true; it is always true. There is absolute truth, and if you see light, you see. There is right, there is wrong. There is God; there is Satan. There is truth; there is false. But in light you cannot say, “Well, it is relative.” No, no, no! There is only one God, and God is light, and God is true, and in Him there is no lie.

It is interesting the Bible says that there are a couple of things God cannot do. You think that God can do everything. But the Bible says, “God cannot lie,” because He is the truth. He invented the truth, and it comes to us in a shaft of light. Then we said, “Didn’t we have to build upon our church which is there in the light, walking in the light?” It must be built upon a foundation of the apostles and prophets, that whole counsel of God upon which we can stand. By the Word of God, we stand in these days.

He Is Keeping Us!

When we get to that stage, we come now to this third stage, where now we are kept by the eternal purpose. So, the Holy Spirit comes down and God through the long thought of the Logos says: “Let there be light.” And the Holy Spirit goes, “Whish, whish, whish;” there is light. Now we walk in the light, and the light begins to be understood to us in terms of truth. We come to stand in a place where finally, when we are at that place, we are kept. There is no going back. You have

crossed the separating line and left the world behind you. At that point, He will keep you; He will carry you; He will revive you; He will restore you, but He is keeping you. So, you have now not just been called but chosen. Now that is why it is wonderful to sing songs like, “Oh love that will not let me go.” That is good news; that is bad news. His love will not let you go; even when you say, “Let me go, God. That is it. I am out of here.” He says, “No, no, no,” and He begins fishing right there. I am Dana, the little fisherman, and Peter was much better than me. But there you are, you are caught. Once chosen, you are caught—sorry. And some people go deep into darkness because of sin and self, ambition, worldliness, mammon, and the Lord has to destroy that whole part of your life to bring you back to Him. That is good news, isn’t it? “Oh, love that will not let me go. I am so afraid of Thee.” Ah, take the positive side of it, do not worry about all that stuff.

God’s Light Gives Life

We began with the shaft of light, heavenly vision comes, boom, we see Jesus. No, not only Jesus, but there is also something more. He is the Savior, but there is something more. He is the King, He is the Lord, He is glorious on the road to Damascus, or whatever we see in our salvation. It may be just a little shaft of light, but we see Him, and when you see light, the Bible says, “God’s light gives life.” Oh, I would like to go into a whole line thing about Fos and about Zoe way because Fos is light, but when John uses it, it is not just light; it is the long word for light. And Zoe is not just life; it is eternal life, long life. Logos, and according to Greek understanding what John said, “In the beginning was the Logos.” The Logos is called by the Greeks “a long thought of God.” I do not know if you can understand that, but when God speaks, He speaks long.

So, we get built upon the foundation in that second stage, but we must engage now in being built upon this foundation of the whole counsel of God. We do not take it in by osmosis. “Ahh, I just come to the meeting; the brothers share, and I take it in.” You must go along with it. By faith you say, “Yes, Lord; this is true. I am on the ground of Christ, yes Lord. This is righteous; this is the way to walk. Yes, Lord. Yes Lord, by faith I take this. By faith I am this; I am crucified with Christ. I am a new man in Christ. I walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.” You must start taking things by faith in order to stand on that ground or else it becomes theoretical. Right?

The Church of the Living God

So, as we do that, we come into this thing as it says in Psalm 119:130: “The entrance of thy words giveth light, giving understanding unto the simple.” And we come to the place where Paul in I Timothy chapter 3 can define the church. To me this is so sublime, so simple, and he says this: “Now how are you going to conduct yourself in the house of God?” He would know perfectly well, what? “Because you are in the church of the living God.” Now have you ever gone to the church of the dead God? Oh, they are around. They talk about God; it is a form of godliness but with no life, no power. But in the church of the living God, there is always a little bit of bubbling, bubbling going on. The Holy Spirit is always working. God is always convicting somebody. God is always bringing somebody higher. God is always saving somebody, healing somebody. Bubbling, that is the effervescent bubbling.

It is Zoe, the church of the Zoe God. Well the church of the Zoe God is defined this way: “The pillar and foundation of the truth.” The eternal flame is called that in the Olympics, but that is not

the eternal flame. The church has the eternal flame; it is a lampstand, and there it is, the pillar and support of the truth. Look at that light. Now how are you going to stand in sin when you are under that light? The church has discipline. There is repentance in the church because that light is there, and in Him there is no darkness at all. But thank God, that is how we can define the church. What a place to be in the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth! Plus, he says, "This is not something like he says, "Oh, I have another thing to say to you." But it is the same thing. "By the way, it is true; great is the mystery of godliness." Then he goes on to say, "He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed in the world, taken up in glory."

Living in the Same Reality as Jesus Lived on Earth

Now what is he saying? That church of the living God lives in the same reality as Jesus when He came to earth in the flesh, and was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was glorified, and taken to heaven. The church is in that process; Christ in you is the hope of glory. You are seen in the flesh; you are vindicated by the Spirit. How do you explain a Christian's life, so the world wants to know? How do Christians live that way?

One time I was on the golf course just a few weeks ago, playing golf with three guys that I had never met. They were at a bachelor party where they were all getting drunk and getting into trouble. Right after they get through playing golf, they were going to a bar that was not a good bar. They were talking to me, and they said, "This bachelor had questions about marrying this woman because he had three girlfriends he could choose from, and I did not know what was going on. So now the conversation gets around to me, and I say, "Yeah, do you know what. I am happy for marriage; I have been married sixty years." That bachelor started crying right there. He had never heard of somebody being married to one woman for sixty years. But that should not be a miracle; that is the life in the church of the living God. "You must put up with her for sixty years? What a blessing!" Listen, there is our testimony. The world can go its crazy way, but we stand up in the light, and we bear a simple testimony that the world can hardly stand. It can hardly stand it.

So, there we are, but it is a precious position to be in. So, the Lord is recycling by His life in us, this whole thing again. So, the world says, "How do you live like that?" Well, it is Christ in me; it is not me. I am not loving; it is Christ loving. "I do not have peace; oh, give me a couple of minutes and I will tell you about all my problems." Oh, my goodness. Listen, I have peace, because it is Christ living in me; that is what my peace is. It is not my peace; it is His peace. Sometimes I have to call Him up and say, "Jesus, I have left Your peace because I have no peace." "Take My peace." We live by Christ who lives within us. This is a very wonderful thing, and we just cannot go any deeper than that. And it is at that place, and when the church is like that, He keeps us according to His eternal purpose because here He has a precious vessel to break, to use, to take him through trials.

A dear brother in New York City said something that is important. He said, "A Christian life is not immune from problems and troubles and tragedies, but the Christian life is when people see the difference of how we respond to tragedies, troubles and trials." And they say, "Wow! Look how they did this. And I have a little problem, and it is taking me out." You see, this is our

testimony in this world. It is such a privilege to be in this place, and at that point God keeps us. How does He keep us? With long thoughts.

What is long faith? Long faith is the assurance of hope. And we are not in the book of Hebrews, but there is where it talks about what it means. What is faith? It is the assurance of things hoped for. Faith is a hundred-yard dash. Did you see those women running as they were qualifying for the Olympics that is coming up? Some of those girls run so fast it is unbelievable.

I used to play football in high school. I was about the slowest guy on the team, a big old fat guy out there. I had some friends who were also big. They could run ninety yards quickly, but four hundred yards they were dead. And you and I who live by faith, initially our faith lasts about ninety yards. You give God a little time to get you through the wilderness and various things, and you finally find the rest in the assurance of hope which is just faith stretched out. See it is the long word.

And the long word for love is found in Hebrews, but what is that word? Perseverance. "Honey, I am in love with you for about two months, and the honeymoon is over." Long love is perseverance. So, Hebrews lets us in on some of the deals of "long", elongating these words to fit eternity. You see, they have more length to them than we initially define them as. I know I am sounding a little crazy, so I am going to get off that.

The Churches in the Shadows

So really our standing is in I Timothy chapter 3, the Ephesian Church, that pillar and support of the truth and the mystery of godliness surging through our lives. That is the way it should be until Jesus comes back. Oh, but that is not what happened in Ephesus, is it? We find this in the book of Revelation. What goes wrong.

We got together, and the brothers felt that maybe because this university opened up to us, we should gather together and decide whether we should have this conference. We got together, and in the planning session, people were sharing various things. And after this person said this and that person said that, everybody had an idea, one of the sisters stood up and said, "I would like to remind you of something that Stephen Kaung said to us years ago. He said, "Heavenly vision is fragile. It can be broken, and it can be lost."

You know, we can walk in the light and everything is fine. We can get out of the light, and how long does it take? Now thinking corporately, how long does it take for this precious testimony of Jesus to somehow get into the shadows? Heavenly vision is a fragile thing, and most of you who have had experience in fellowships that have been trying to stand in God's heavenly vision and eternal purpose know just how easy it is to get out of that light where there is life and there is correction and there is progress, and we suddenly get into a place you do not want to be, the shadows. There are a lot of churches in the shadows. I will not say that they are in darkness because even though they have a doctrine that is no longer revealed, they still have some light. The Word of God is life, but they are in the shadows. This could be a problem, and here is the problem if I could put it this way.

The church in Acts was walking in the light; they were disciples of the way. They may not have known the doctrines but they were living the life. By the end of the first century, the church of Ephesus was rebuked because they knew the truth, but they were no longer walking in it. How many of you know that every Christian knows that we should have first love for the Lord? How many of you know how easy and fragile it is to leave your first love? That is what happened to Ephesus. We know that church history has chronicled many movements that started out in the light, recovery light, full of light, wonderful light, a generation, two generations, and then they must climb into a tradition. What has happened there? Many movements in church history just seem to have lost their inner lights, although they maintained all the outward doctrines and practices.

Church in the Reality of Christ

Some of my favorite people I met while I was in India were Christians. I met many in India, as I traveled there a few times, who had very little in terms of worldly possessions, but somehow Brother Bakht Singh and the other teachers had taught them something that seemed real to them, "Christ is my life." There are so many Christians here in the United States with so much stuff, but they do not know Christ as their life. So, they are not happy. In India they were so happy. So, we would go from assembly to assembly, and I loved being in Hyderabad. You only must speak about twelve times, four hours each time; it is wonderful.

I went out to some place where they served hot foods, and some brothers were far away from the center. I got invited there by the guys in Hyderabad, but they did not know who I was. So, when I got there, they said, "Brother, do you believe in Bakht Singh's vision? Do you have Bakht Singh's vision?" Now, I knew exactly what they were saying. What they meant was, "Okay, you are going to meet with us; do you have Brother Bakht Singh's vision? Which means, "Do you meet for an hour and half at the beginning for worship, and then you break bread together. You pray for the saints for another hour and a half, then you have a message for another hour and half, break for some food and then have a gospel meeting?" I have never known a Sunday that long in my life. Bakht Singh is the only guy who developed the Sabbath into a three-day affair packed into one day. Well, I knew what they meant. They also meant, "Now do you pray on your knees?" They did a lot of things. All I am saying is, they were talking external things, but from what I have read, and when I actually got to meet Brother Bakht Singh before he had the stroke, I knew one thing, that the moment I met this brother, I knew that he had heavenly vision, and his heavenly vision was Christ. And the way he worked it out, as it was needed in India is a little different from the way Brother Watchman Nee worked it out as it was apropos in China.

I remember that Brother Kaung loved Brother Bakht Singh. He came to the assemblies in D. C. and Richmond twice. You could not even understand what Brother Bakht Singh was saying unless you knew the King James Bible. His English was the worst, but it was King James, and by the time it was all over, we were all on our knees praying. He was a very powerful guy. Brother Kaung loved this guy although they were miles apart, but they both had seen Jesus. You could tell, that is the heavenly vision, and that is the core of the life that was able to come through.

Heavenly Vision, Heavenly Dimension

So here is what happens. The church comes to the place where they should continue to expand that vision, but the problem is that our minds are tiny mite. Our minds are so small, but we think we know so much. And the more doctrine we pack into our brains sometimes, the life and the light and the simplicity of the Christian life go out the window, and it becomes very, very complicated.

Of course, the Christians think that we are becoming good Christians like the Corinthians. The Corinthians thought they were the smartest guys because they went to seminary, they studied philosophy, and they threw that into the mix of the gospel, and they were so smart.

Then Paul said, "Do you know what the problem is? I cannot tell you the wisdom of the things that are yet awaiting you because you are still babes. I cannot tell you the things that eye has not seen, nor ear heard nor has entered the heart of man because you are not ready. You just want the baby food of big knowledge stuff. It is hard to hold onto heavenly vision if your brain is big. How do we see eternity? The fact of the matter is if we have seen heavenly vision, we have entered another dimension we are unfamiliar with. Our earthly dimension is completely overwhelmed when the heavenly dimension becomes part of our dialogue in life. It is hard to understand.

Somebody asked me the other day (and I understand) if Jerry and I were brothers because they look at our white hair. Well, back in the days when Jerry and I went to school, before they had electricity and stuff like that, I went through the math of usual things in junior high, and I got to algebra as a freshman, geometry and trigonometry as a sophomore. During the junior year we hit solid geometry, I was already prepared because I had my slide rule. Now Jerry and I had slide rules, and I doubt that maybe six of you in here know what one even looks like. But we had a holster that held our slide rule which was a ruler with a little sliding thing inside and a bar on the top where you get your sine and cosine, and all that kind of stuff. So, I came into that solid geometry with my slide rule, but I was not prepared for what was waiting for me. You see, when you are dealing with solid geometry, it is not like regular square dome.

So, our teacher made us read a book which had something to do with geometry, and it was called Flatland. It is the story of a square who got really confused because he fell in love with a cube. Now that two-dimensional life of a square, and I think that is probably where the lingo of the hippies began back in those days, "Don't be a square." Because there is more to life; there is a cubit life, a circle, and a sphere. What? I do not understand. It is 3-dimensional, a triangle and a cone, and we met Jesus.

Now we are talking heavenly geometry. "There are dimensions that you do not understand, you square." I had length and depth; I learned that in math, but when height came into the dimension, it was a whole other thing. Where is that on the slide rule? Our minds have a hard time comprehending heavenly things, so we tend to emphasize more and more the natural mind things here on earth, and we lose it. Because to see Jesus and to see by the Spirit of God, He must expand our understanding of who Jesus is. There is so much more to see that we do not see. If

we become Christians and we are saved, we say, "That's it." "No, no, no! You have not even begun to climb the foothills of the mountain of Jesus. He is something else!"

My Dad

Another thing, when I was nine years old, my mom, my sister and brother went on a trip somewhere, and I was stuck with my dad. He had to go in for a half day's work, and he took me with him. Of course, that is all he could do with a nine-year-old kid. So, my dad was a supervising psychiatrist in a huge mental hospital on Long Island of 10,000 patients, and he was a supervisor psychiatrist specifically for over three hundred patients. Imagine being a psychiatrist for three hundred patients. Back in those days they institutionalized people who manifested psychosis, schizophrenia, many of them postwar trauma, but they did not know what that was in those days. The men just could not handle going back to living in the city. So, these big hospitals took care of people in Manhattan. They had it broken up in three different places. Our hospital took care of the east side of Manhattan.

I knew my dad; my dad was dad. When we would go swimming, he would let me get on his back, and he would go under the waves like a porpoise, and I would ride him; that is my dad. But I always knew one thing about him that I could not explain. Back in those days, he had a keychain, and even the chain was big, but these keys were such a large size. He must have had fifteen or twenty of these keys. So, who is my dad? Well, he is the big guy with the big keychain.

I got to go to work with him one day, and boy, my dad was never the same to me because I understood more of who he was. He walked into a place through various doors which he always had to lock and unlock because in this institution you did not leave any doors open. He walked into his office, and he had secretaries and people who respected him. He would say, "Has this been done, has that been done?" I looked at his wall, and he had four-by-eight pieces of plywood with hundreds of adhesive strips taped on the plywood with names written on each of them. They were the names of all his patients, so he could remember them. I looked, and then I said, "Dad, what is that?" "Those are Chinese characters." My dad knew Chinese because the lower eastside had a lot of Chinese people, and he spoke Chinese to give counsel to these folks.

Not only that, and I never knew this, but my dad sketched each one of these people so he could recognize them. "Wow! Do you know all these people?" And he was working on it. He told me, "I am working on my Chinese." In his free time between patients, he would look at the Chinese symbols, the characters to keep it going. He lived in China for four years when he was a little kid.

But he could also help the Italians because he went to a school in Switzerland, so he knew German, French, Italian and Spanish. We walked through this place unlocking doors, and then through a subterranean tunnel between two huge buildings. I thought that the tunnel was nine miles long. We got to the other side, and there was the cafeteria where we had lunch. As we would go through the place he would say, "Oh, hi Joe, did you have a good time with your family this weekend?" He knew everybody's name, and what they were doing. There was a patient yelling, and when you go to a ward, it is a scary thing for a nine-year-old kid. There were people in strait jackets, screaming. My dad walked in, and he would calm somebody down, say a few

words, talk to someone who was having trouble, talk to an attendant having a hard time. Asking somebody, "Now are these drugs sufficient for you to sleep at night?" He was amazing. It was amazing to see all that he knew and all that he did.

I know that I am rambling, but years later I am out on the golf course playing golf with three guys I had never met. And one of the guys said, "What is your name?" And I said, "Dana." That is a strange name. What is your last name? I said, "Congdon." "What!" And I said, "Dana Congdon." He said, "I knew a man named Dana Congdon." I said, "My dad's name was Dana Congdon." And he said, "Oh; he was the best psychiatrist they had, just the way he cared for all those people." And now I am playing golf, and I am crying. And he is telling me about my dad, how big he was, how good he was. I am so glad to say at fifty years old he got saved and became a Christian psychiatrist and was on television talking, helping, and counseling people. I never knew how large my dad was until I saw he was the man with the keys.

Light Becomes Truth

And Jesus has the keys to the kingdom, but you are going to know by experience, long experience, Epignosis. It is not just knowledge; it is long knowledge that we come to. And so that is why Paul says to the Ephesians, "I know that you have heard this whole counseling because I preached to you for those two and half years. Now listen, I am praying for you; why? Because I do not want that whole counsel just to become some dead doctrine. I want you by a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see Christ in fuller dimension."

There is a thing that happens with us, and it is something like this. We start out with light, and the light is the truth. And by the Holy Spirit, that light in our spirit starts being interpreted to our minds so that we understand what has hit us. Paul got the light, and he did not know what hit him. I mean, he knew, but he did not know. And the Holy Spirit begins to make our minds cognizant of that which we experienced. So, light becomes truth; isn't that wonderful? And eventually truth gets processed by us, and we can put them in categories which are called doctrines. Now doctrines are good; doctrines are the basis of the whole counsel of God. But if doctrines get disattached from light, doctrines degenerate into tradition. Now tradition is still the word and just as true as that original truth that you saw before it became doctrine, but it has been removed from truth, from life. And so, you have doctrines, but you do not have the life behind it. Or you are not walking in the light of that truth. So, doctrine brings us to a crossroads. Either we continue to walk in the light with the doctrine of truth as it is in Christ Jesus, or we will walk in the doctrines without the light. "I pray that your eyes may be enlightened that you might receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation."

Wisdom Is Found in Relationship with God

Let me give you one more thing about wisdom and revelation. What does Paul mean? The Jewish Rabbis had a big discussion about this. When Solomon talked about wisdom, why did he talk about it in the feminine, not Hakham but Chokmah? This is wisdom. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Chokmah. Why did the rabbi put it specifically in the feminine? And the rabbi scholar said, "It is because the wisdom that Solomon is talking about must be found in relationship with God."

There is another word, Sakal in Hebrew that also means wisdom but as in cleverness, as in figuring things out but not in relation to God necessarily. So, Paul is saying, "I am not interested in your knowing more things, more doctrines, but I am interested in your knowing these things with a wisdom related to Jesus, a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the Epignosis, full knowledge, long knowledge of Christ Himself." Christ is the center and focus and beginning of all that light of revelation, and it is to come down to us in a living way.

The Church Descends from Life to Dogma

There are tremendous doctrines, but you know what happens in the church, right? What happens is that we go from life, to truth, to teachings, to doctrines, to formulas, to traditions, to dogma. What is dogma? I was about the only Protestant in my world when I grew up. I grew up in Babylon by the way. That was the name of my town, Babylon. Everybody but the devil lived there; Nebuchadnezzar lived next door.

I grew up in Babylon, and everybody I knew in school was a Catholic. Now about eleven or twelve years old, suddenly they got busy, and I did not know what was going on. They were going to Catechetical School, which is Catechism. They were learning the dogma as they call it. What is a dogma? It is a truth that is truth which is demanded. So, they say, "Here is a dogma: Jesus is God." Now maybe you have never seen that; that is not real to you, but you must memorize the dogma. So you go to class, memorize the dogma, now you know what the apostle's creed means, and you can break it all down. Then if you break it all down correctly, then they slap you, put some oil on your head, confirm you, and now you are a member of the church.

Now the truth of the apostles' creed is true, but so many of my Christian Catholic friends have never been born again. So, I thank God personally that in the 1970's when the charismatic movement hit, it hit Long Island where I lived, and hundreds of thousands of Catholics were born again. They all went into Pentecostal Churches, huge churches because they needed a pastor who wore cuff links and drove a Cadillac, the whole shimmer. But anyway, they were truly saved; thank God for that! But you see how they took truths, and it brought them down to dogma: "Just memorize this; okay you are good." You need to be careful not to do this with your young people; just teach them a bunch of stuff, and then make them parrot it back. That does not mean they have seen the light.

Back in the early days, there was just one way you got baptized, that is, they could see the Spirit of God upon you. There was a witness of the Spirit that you were a child of God. Down in the water you went, you came up, and the Holy Spirit filled you, now that was a good time. But now, catechism? So, listen, we raise up our kids in the Lord; they come to a gradual knowledge of Christ, but let us be sure they are born again. God forbid that any of our children should be deceived into thinking because they know certain dogma that they are in. But they do not feel anything that everybody else is feeling. They do not have any of the love that some respond to; they do not sense any of that grace where they are really forgiven. They are still trying to please their parents, and they are still full of guilt, and all that kind of stuff.

Then they did the same thing with the Lord's table. What was the Lord's table in the early church? They got together from house to house; they had a meal together, and at the end one of

the brothers broke the bread and said, “Now you remember, Jesus used to do this with us apostles. Just remember Jesus died for us, and here He is saying, “Take Me.” They had a wonderful time, with revelations of the presence of Jesus.

But then the big minds got hold of it. The next thing you know they are talking about some kind of transubstantiation which has turned the Lord’s table into a magical thing. A guy goes back, and he opens a box and says, “Hocus, pocus,” and then the bread and wine become the blood and body of Jesus. There is a magical thing happening, and that is what people think the Lord’s table is. You see, the mind can take the truth and just wander way off with it.

Protestants are no better because they say, “Ah now, we take the Lord’s table whether we need to or not every three months just to remember Him.” However, they do not know His presence when He is there. And a lot of times, the preacher has preached too long so it is 12:02, and at 12:00 noon the church gives up its dead. Now it is 12:02, and you have not had the Lord’s table yet, so they quickly bring in the deacons. They put on their white gloves, and say, “We remember You, Lord,” and we come together at the Lord’s table, and “Hocus Pocus.” Everybody takes a little Baptist cookie and the little cup: “Oh, was not that wonderful! Yes, the Lord’s table, Amen.” It was a wonderful remembrance, but where is the life? What is the purpose?

Now it would be a shame if we meet in our little fellowships and break bread week by week. but we have no idea why we are doing it that way or what it means if it is not real to us. So, I am just saying that this is the problem with heavenly vision; it is fragile. You must stay in the light or things become wormwood, they just become doctrine, and things go astray.

Light is Tainted by Man’s Knowledge

So, what happens to the church when the mind has taken over? The mind has taken the original light and added to it a lot of knowledge from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which unfortunately is tainted. And all the doctrines that I hear today have a little taint of sin in them, self-importance, and every kind of doctrinal steal.

I studied systematic theology in seminary, and boy, that was a killer. If you know of Bart’s Systematic Theology, then you know how big it is. It is bigger than David Peng’s book. There are all kinds of crazy stuff like that, and so little of it is inspired from heaven. So much of it is from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, philosophical, theoretical, expanding and extrapolating this truth in the Bible and expanding it until it is no longer true. And I spent too much time on that kind of stuff. When that happens—more importantly, forget theology.

The Church in the Sardisian Sleep

When the church gets in the shadows, what do you call it? It needs to be recovered. The church in the shadows, the sleeping church, I want to call it, “A church in the Sardisian Sleep.” Do you know the Sardisian Sleep? That is what happened in Sardis.

Revelation 3:1-3 says ““And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. (There is something living here.) “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. (Wake up, sleeping church in the shadows. You have lost the impulse of one of the seven spirits. You are a sleeping church. Oh, my

goodness.) Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.”

Oh, the sleeping church! God forbid that we should be in a sleeping church. Do you know that they have a predictable worship? They put it upon the board: “Song 1, Song 2, offertory, final song.” That is the worship, and predictable. Our prayer meetings just list a long list of people whose knees have gone wrong, various things, and you just push the snooze alarm as we go through this list. What kind of prayer meeting is that? Is it a Holy Spirit filled prayer meeting? Or is it the doctrinal teaching given to us week by week, as it drones on like some bee buzzing. Golfers now have a new experience out on the PGA Tour, those who play golf. They used to have a big blimp, a Goodyear Blimp. I do not know how far up it was, but it used to take shots from up there down upon the golfers. Now they have drones right over their heads. Occasionally, a golfer will get ready to take a back swing, and he says, “Get that thing out of here.” And he points up to the sky, and the television guy said, “Oh, oh, the drone got too close.”

That is like a lot of our teaching, which is a lot of droning. I can almost tell you what book they read to get that out of. I do not care what book you are reading; I want life. Give me just the good stuff and speak with life, then I like being in that church of the living God. But if it drones, and forgive me for droning so much, we need life. Better a five-minute message full of life than an hour that almost kills us.

We have organized to the lowest possible commitment. Sunday is important. The Bible study is okay on Monday if you have the time. Thursday is the prayer meeting, and it is optional. The next thing you know is you have a church, 300 people, and eleven people are at the prayer meeting. Something is wrong here. This is a Sardisian Church. I hope you know that; it is a sure sign. Of course, when you have a consensual low bar of commitment, which sometimes the brothers have said, “Okay, I will be here three out of every four weeks on Sunday.” Or whatever it is; everybody says, “That is our bar.” It is just like working for a union. Once they tell the carpenter that he can only nail five hundred nails a day, that becomes the maximum. But now that they have guns, they can be done by 10:00 in the morning with a full day’s pay—union.

It happens in the Sardisian Church. You look around one day, and you realize the youngest member of the church is Methuselah. Something has gone wrong. Why are all the young people leaving? They are either leaving or they are snoring in the back or getting into trouble back there. You have an annual gospel meeting, and you make it a potluck supper, but the only one who is lost is the poor turkey that you are roasting. I know there is nobody here that goes to something like that, but I think it is time we need to hear the Lord say for those who have an ear to hear by the Spirit: “Pat, wake up; this is serious business here, the light is going out. We need to listen to it.”

Wake Up to His Eternal Purpose!

Now having said that, Paul also interestingly said to the church at Ephesus in Ephesians 5:14: “For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.””

That is what you need, a new shining of Christ. “Wake up! There is too much doctrine, and too little shining.” We all need midcourse correction. The Lord must recover His church because His church has such a fundamental purpose in being here. And what is that?

Here is where we get down to tough stuff. Why does the Lord gather you folks together? We have folks in Manhattan and folks in Flushing; why does He gather us together? Is it just so we can praise God? It is more than that, isn’t it? Well, there is an eternal purpose that is drawing us. We have been talking about the earthly side of coming into heavenly vision and then building a foundation. On the whole other side, there is a magnet that is drawing us into His eternal purpose. A chosen magnet is drawing us into that which is fuller and greater, and the only way to come into it and stay in it, we must find the way of the cross as a church. The Lord said, “Behold, I have opened the door before you which no man can shut.” And now by faith you need to go through. You say, “Oh, we are such a small group, we cannot do anything of any significance. Faith takes the cross, obeys the Lord and does what the Lord tells them to do.

Scatter Seed

What is involved in that eternal purpose? Ephesians 1:10: “that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together (or draw up or head up) in one all things in Christ, ...” And the church is in the business of drawing up all things into Christ, starting with us as the first fruits drawn up under the Headship of Christ. And then it is bringing others up into the Headship of Christ. This is an eternal purpose. When a fellowship cuts off its evangelical foot, it is a loss of life immediately. When there is no active evangelism or any kind of thing going on outside the doors of the church that is touching the church, what did Jesus do? He took that church and baptized them in the Holy Spirit, and then He threw them out into the world. The secret of the gospel of Matthew is that the kingdom of the heavens is when you are sowing gospel seeds out into the world. Some will fall on pathways, some on shallow ground, some on thorny ground, and some on good ground. And here we are in the kingdom of heaven.

Now you see that the church has another dimension, the kingdom dimension. We have something big in this plan; God is drawing all things up unto King Jesus, and we get to throw gospel seeds out there. “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power, you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Judea, Samaria, and to the utter most parts of the earth, starting in Jerusalem.” And that is exactly what you see in the book of Acts, isn’t it? Can I put it this way.

Once again, forgive me for getting back to my New York things. The Holy Spirit says to a true God-Light Bearing Church: “Forget about yourself; you are here for everybody else. I want those lost people saved, and I want seeds scattered.” I do not want you to get completely preoccupied with evangelism, but it needs to be an expression of your daily life.

So, the church in Acts was just a church of expansion and expansion, and Jesus just throws them out. There was persecution in Jerusalem, out they go to Samaria, and revival happens. They expand out to Judea, and revival happens. They go out into the uttermost parts of the earth, and everywhere they go, seeds, seeds are being thrown out, and kingdom, kingdom was coming in. There was a big thing going on; but it is time for us to forget about ourselves.

Shine as Light in the World

It is not that the church goes deeper by getting more complicated; the church goes deeper by being more alive. It is the long thoughts, even though they may be simple thoughts. When the church holds on to those long thoughts of love, life, light, grace, and Zoe, it is an amazing church. It may be a simple church, but it is living. It is not living for itself, it is to be part of what Jesus said to His disciples when He said, "Now you talk about light, but you are the light of the world. You are not meant to be hidden somewhere. You are supposed to go upon a hill as a light, not in a basket, so that everybody can see what is going on. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Isn't it wonderful?

We have a brother here this week. About two or three weeks ago we went down on a Saturday morning in the cold, shark-infested Atlantic Ocean. There at Coney Island beach, we dumped this new believer into the ocean. We held him down as long as possible, but he is alive today to say, "He is glad he is here," I am sure. We could not say anything to all the hundreds of people walking down the beach. Occasionally, we would see a little group of Hispanic people, and you could tell they were believers. Hallelujah! They were seeing this, and saying, "Wonderful, wonderful!" Because the light was there, a little shaft of light.

There were those two brothers down in the water, and they were trying to drag this guy down, and many people had no idea what was going on. Coney Island is a huge Russian, Jewish area, and they had never seen a baptism before. What an opportunity! There were seeds all over the place. We were singing songs, people were worshipping, a brother was preaching a message; it was wonderful. That is why we were created; that is why we are here. There is so much in the church that God is dealing with. I know all that is true; I am not discounting that, but what is our higher purpose, our larger purpose? Are you scattering seeds out there?

Listen to the way Paul puts it to the Philippians in the church of Philippi 2:14-15: "Do all things without complaining or disputing." Now that would be a miracle right now in the church. But then he goes on to say, "that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (because I sent you out there)" Here is the wonderful thing. It is halfway done. Why? Because you have already been scattered out. Your job has taken you out somewhere, and I do not know if you are in some sort of Christian Revival Camp, but I think most jobs out there are in the middle of Nam. You are already scattered out. Now your job is not to become Billy Graham; all you need is little kingdom seeds in your pocket.

Let me tell you what the kingdom of heaven is like. I found the place that is a treasure; it is worth so much to me because I found the treasure of God and Jesus and I committed. And when somebody is in trouble, you say, "What is your problem? I am going to take that back to our little group that prays every Tuesday night." You would be amazed at how people's whole countenance changes after they have been mocking you over at the water fountain, and you say, "I will pray for you." "Are you having a little marriage difficulty?" "We will pray for you and let me know how it turns out." It changes their whole complaint. "Why, this person cares. I never knew that Jesus loved; I thought Jesus was part of the moral majority. I thought Jesus was part of the nationalistic

movement.” But no, no. All of you have been scattered already, but here is the deal; what we who were scattered need is a place of refuge when we come back, that is the pillar and foundation of truth, and there is light there. And it keeps us in the light, and it keeps us walking with God.

Jesus is in the Doors

That is why we need to recover the church; it is for this whole thing, because ladies and gentlemen, how do I explain something that I think you all sense? There is a whole lot of shaking going on according to the prophet Elvis Presley. Everything is shaking right now. Our government is shaking. Whenever Israel is shaking, we need to wake up. But there are things afoot we have no idea how close to the end we may be. But as those under a heavenly vision, we have seen that there is an end, and it is coming soon. All those who are truly captured by heavenly vision, pray, “Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, I saw it in my vision. You are coming.” It is rechanneling all our energies with priorities changed beyond our eye watch. Now you have the time, and you can flick to the watch of KTZ, the Kingdom Time Zone. And you see that Jesus is in the doors; He is very close. I had better adjust my goals to stay alive during these times. How wonderful it is!

Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Given to Benefit Others

The Holy Spirit has been given to us to benefit others. Now you know I used to travel among Charismatic Churches, and we were all into getting goose bumps. The Holy Spirit would come down, woooooo, and we would get goose bumps. One day, the Lord said to me, “If you look closely at those gifts of the Spirit, almost none of them are for you. They are for others. It is when you are out on the gospel line and somebody is sick, and you pray for them to be healed.

You know, my mother was blinded by diabetic cataracts which was back in the sixties, and she was blind. She prayed for her own healing, and nothing ever happened. But she had the gift of healing, and she would touch somebody who was sick, and they would get healed. But the gift of healing was not for her; it was to edify the body of Christ. The Lord wants to bestow whatever gifts of the Spirit are necessary for us to be that gospel kingdom seeds out there, saying: “The kingdom is coming soon,” and you preach the gospel. Then if there is some evidence needed, the Holy Spirit provides it; it is not for us. You get all goose bumps, and say, “Did not we have a wonderful session! Oh boy, we felt so good.” Out on the firing line is where you really see Jesus moving by His Holy Spirit. But are we willing to go there? Yes, you must take up the cross to get out there and work.

The Lord is Coming Back!

As the church turns back to the cross, and they carry those seeds into a dark world, pretty soon we realize the Lord is coming back; the Lord is coming back!

Matthew 24 is where I am going to end. Verse 14 says, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” So that is what is going on right now. That is the larger work. That is the eternal purpose that we are involved in, even if is giving money or prayers to the work that is going on in Ukraine, North Korea; that is part of the great work that is going on right now. It is a gathering of all things

under the Headship of Christ and making Satan a footstool at Jesus' feet. There are victories when we take kingdom ground.

So here is what we need to do since the end is very near. Matthew 24:44 says, if we go back in the light, the first thing we know is, "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 25:13: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

So, first, we need to be watchmen. You need to be watching the news; you need to be watching what is going on, not for the sake of knowing all about who is who in the news, but what is really going on? We have a dear brother who is helped by the saints in Flushing. They help support this brother who is a pastor in Ukraine. He just sent us a note a few days ago, saying that that one of the big buildings in his town got bombed by the Russians yesterday: "Please pray for us." There is a lot of stuff going on. Are we watching and praying? Or are we Sardisian in the sleep? Do we know what time it is?

Our dear brother Kaung shared his last burden with us consistently: "The Lord is coming soon, are you ready?" There needs to be something in us that really senses that. Under heavenly vision, get the light of the truth. You cannot read the Bible, certainly the New Testament or even the book of Isaiah without being deeply aware: "Awake, arise, oh Zion; arise, your light has come. Darkness covers the face of the earth, but my light will shine upon Zion." So near! Are we watching?

Then there are four parables or four things the Lord is asking us to do until He comes back. So, we are waiting now. You know, waiting is long love, perseverance. And He tells us to do four things through these parables, and I could say them in a few sentences.

Be a Good Steward in the House of God

Number 1: In Matthew 24:45-51, He says this: "While you are waiting be a good steward in the house of God." Whatever your job is, if you are responsible, if you are somebody who helps with the music, if you are somebody that does the technical audio equipment, if you are somebody who teaches the children, be a good steward. Do not think Jesus is not coming back, so you get sloppy, or you get unfaithful or sporadically faithful, or you do things without heart, or you do things because you have to teach the kids. Jesus said, "When He comes back, He is looking for a good steward who has fed the whole household while He was gone." This is a responsibility, and it is talking about the church now. So, it is not just going out in the world; it is being faithful right here in the assembly. Do not be one of these, "Well, I am retired now." No, you are not retired. Even if you can only pray, you be a faithful steward, do not let anything get in the way. That is the first parable.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

The second parable is the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. And that is all to say this, be a spirit-filled virgin yourself with plenty of oil in your lamp and light shining as you are waiting for Jesus to come back. Do not get caught out of the Spirit, caught living in the flesh. Let your lamp be full of oil, and an extra pouch as well, waiting for the Bridegroom to come.

The Parable of the Talents

The third parable is the parable of the talents, Matthew 25:14-30. One gets five, another one gets two talents, another one gets one talent. What is the moral? Use your gifts and talents freely given you for the capturing business of the kingdom of God. Luke puts it in an interesting way; "Use the filthy mammon to gain men to the kingdom." Use your talents, use your gifts, use your money, use your skills to bring people to Jesus, to preach to them the kingdom of God. Let them see the manifest reality of Christ in your life. Do not be one of these, "Ah, I just have one gift, and I am going to bury it in the ground, and when Jesus comes back, I will say, "Well, I have that one gift."" What kind of stewardship is that? I like the way Luke puts it, "Do business until I come," which is the old King James when He hands out the various minas. How many talents do you have? It makes no difference. It has been freely given to you, that is for sure. Now use it in capturing for the kingdom. Won't it be wonderful when the kingdom comes, and you find some people that you helped get into that kingdom? There is your treasure in the heavens. Good job!

Sharing With the Needy

The fourth parable sounds very strange, Matthew 25:31-46, but here we go. Ask somebody who is part of the kingdom of the heavens, somebody who is part of the church of Jesus Christ to share food, water, clothing with the needy, for those who need help. And the day will come when the Lord sits on His throne and say, "Welcome, come on into the kingdom; when somebody was thirsty, you gave them to drink. When somebody needed clothes, you gave them clothes. When somebody needed food, you gave it to them. You were generous." Oh, the church is generous in using individuals. There is such a reward in the kingdom for doing such little things.

There are so many little crushed, broken people, and broken nations. There are nations without any government right now. In Haiti it is total chaos. Who has the peace and quality of life to give into situations like that? There are some churches that we do not even know about, not the bigger ones, but they are even in Gaza without even a name. All they do is pick up pieces and help people, find food and drink for the suffering ones, helping to get somebody to the hospital. They are not taking this side; they are not taking that side. What will they do? During the mayhem, people look at them and say, "Wow, now that is a Christian." They help everybody. They are just giving water and food. They are not preaching about it; they just say, "This is something in Jesus' name."

Sometimes we do not realize how important this kind of social care is to the one with the largest heart in the universe. But we will discover if you have been one of those who unconsciously gives help, who is a giver and not a getter. One day Jesus will say, "Good job, well done." You will say, "What did I do? I did not do any fancy, smanky stuff. I was not some big speaker in the church." "Ah, yes, in the secret place, you are out there doing stuff, spreading gospel seeds in My kingdom."

Conclusion

So, when we come to this place, we are kept for His eternal purpose to do these things. We are revived, we are brought back in resurrection life sometimes when we get deathly ill. Why? To spread some more seeds while we are on this earth. So that was Paul's thought throughout his

life: "Well, if I go home it is gain to me, but if I stay here, it is better for you. Oh Lord, help me stay on this earth a little longer to help the Philippians and help everybody else who wants to come and share the gospel." It comes back to something very simple.

I tell you what, I have been in some churches that do not know what this eternal purpose is, they have never heard this kind of teaching, but I swear to you, I could feel the life of Jesus there. Even though they may be wrong because they are a denomination, and they do not even know right from wrong in the Ecclesiology of doctrine, but they have a living Jesus, and they love Him. They are witnessing the love of Jesus, and their lives are laid down. And I know some groups that have all their doctrine together, and when you go in there, it is so dry.

Repent, Believe, Spread the Gospel Until I Come

Ladies and gentlemen, our greatest position is to be watching for the Lord Jesus and to be repenting of our Sardisian sleepiness. The hour is much nearer than when we first believed. I do not know how this whole thing is coming down, how this whole thing is going to turn around, I do not know when we are going to go up in rapture. I do not know when the kingdom is about to come, but I have that other thing on my watch, that other face, the KTZ which says, "The kingdom of the heavens is at hand. Repent, believe, spread the gospel until I come."

I remember the first Billy Graham crusade I went to. I was still in seminary; Ernie and I were both in seminary, and we went up to Pittsburg to a Billy Graham meeting. When we got there the first night, it was raining so hard that they could not have the gospel meeting in the big football field. So, they put up a little tent for Billy Graham and a couple of people who sat with him under the tent. We sat in the stands and got soaked under umbrellas. It only lasted about twenty minutes, but there was this guy Ray Hildebrand who got up there with his guitar because the organ, Cliff Barrows and the choir were all out. And this guy had a little guitar, and I had never heard him before or since. He said,

"Did you ever hear God speaking to you, saying, 'I got a job to do, and I think I will be needing you, if it ever gets done.' I got a song around the world to ring, a song for everyone to sing of the joy that Christ can bring. Has He brought it to you? I have heard His voice, and I have made my final choice; I am going to walk with Him. Won't you come along? Did you ever hear God? Oh yeah, I know He is calling you; I am sure He has work to do. I know that He is calling you if it ever gets done."

Ray went up higher than I could go, but that is the song. He has a word to go around the world to bring the gospel. And you can stay right in your place; you do not have to move to some other place; you have already been moved, and the Lord got you there. I do not know what kind of ground by which you are surrounded. I am sure most of you would say, "It is all hard path." But somewhere among them, there is some good soil. You are there because somebody is supposed to be saved where you work. I know you think that is crazy, but I know a Person who preordains our good works and sets up situations beyond what we could believe in order to bring somebody into the kingdom that the Lord is longing for.

"Paul, stay there in Corinth, I have many more people in that city I want to save." Oh, may that be New York, Richmond and any other place that is gathered here this time. The Lord has an

eternal purpose; that is why He is holding on to us. What value are we? Nothing, other than the fact that we are bringing glory to Jesus as all things come under His Headship. And in that whole process, we get rewarded too. It is wonderful! It is totally without merit or anything, but it is His good pleasure. That is what they call the eternal purpose of God, God's good pleasure.

Oh Lord, we want to satisfy Thy good pleasure. You are so pleased, and there are so many upon this earth in darkness. Lord, what can we do as just little candles in this world? But we saw the church, little groups here and there, absolute turn over, Turkey and Asia Minor and Greece, and the Roman Empire by being little groups of that church of the living God, a pillar and foundation of the truth. What mighty things you can do when You open great doors before the small church of Philadelphia. Oh, God, revive us, awaken us from Sardisian sleep, cause us to do the works that we started out doing before we fell asleep. Oh God, we thank You that You are a recovering God. You recover us for the sake of Your purposes in glory. We are so thankful that we can trust You to do that, to keep us even if we have lost our way as a congregation of people. Bring us back into the light, oh God. We want to bear the testimony of Jesus and not any other testimony. Help us, Lord in these last days to be faithful until the end, for Jesus, the King's sake. Amen.

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